



# The Pamlico News

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## Julius Peppers Football legend gives \$100,000 to help with hurricane relief

New Bern, NC - January 4, 2019 - The United Way of Coastal Carolina received a big gift from Carolina Panthers veteran defensive lineman Julius Peppers for hurricane relief in the most devastated part of his home state.



The Julius Peppers Hurricane Relief Fund gifted \$100,000 to North Carolina communities affected by Hurricane Florence. Walmart gift cards in \$50 increments were distributed through United Ways in counties highly impacted by the September storm, with United Way of Coastal Carolina receiving \$20,000 allocated for Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties.

The gift cards were distributed through several local agencies, including Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico County Schools, Area Agencies on Aging in all four counties, Catholic Charities, Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance, Mediation Center of Eastern NC, The Bridge DownEast, and HeartWorks.

"United Way of Coastal Carolina wishes to express our sincere appreciation to Julius Peppers, the Carolina Panthers and the Foundation for the Carolinas for their generosity in supporting our communities as we recover from Hurricane Florence," UWCC executive director Sandra Phelps stated. "This gift had a positive and immediate impact for many individuals and families in our area who are recovering from devastating losses."

Three major areas of focus for The United Way of Coastal Carolina are the compelling needs in Health, Education, and income for Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties.

Peppers was born in Wilson, NC and graduated from Southern Nash High School, Bailey, NC.

Chaz Fulcher and Chrissy Fulcher Cahoon

## Brother, sister expand family legacy with Legasea products



Chaz Fulcher supervises plant operations for the production of Legasea seafood products; his sister, Chrissy, is the chief marketing officer.

The first and only seafood processing facility in the state of North Carolina is housed in a large blue metal building just a city block south of NC intrastate 55 straddling the border between Alliance and Bayboro. Twenty-seven employees of Fulcher Seafood Company create 15 varieties of shrimp and crab recipes sold as Legasea frozen meals by major grocery chains throughout the nation. Raw shrimp and crab meat are packaged for sale to restaurants by major food wholesalers.

The Legasea brand is exactly one year old. The brainchild of the brother and sister team, Chaz Fulcher and Chrissy Fulcher Cahoon, children of Chris Fulcher, a major seafood broker of Oriental. The name Legasea was suggested by Chrissy's 15 year-old daughter, Chastity.

Chrissy explained the background of the

company. "Chaz and I have been active in different aspects of the family business for our whole lives. Dad taught us to start at the bottom. When Chaz was 5 or 6 years old, he had a few crab pots of his own. He would fish them, put the crabs in a galvanized bucket, hang that on the handlebars of his bicycle and carry them to the fish house to sell to our dad."

She said that her dad felt that processing our own North Carolina seafood made sense rather than having it processed out of state. Processing relates to packing the products in a variety of forms prepared for wholesale distribution to retailers.

"Chaz and I always wanted to add to what our father has done, not just eventually take over what he built. Processing seafood here in the state, right here in Pamlico County, just made sense to us. When we process seafood, we

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Joshua Gibson, a Town of Oriental employee left work Friday afternoon, January 4 for his home in Bayboro. He lost control of his vehicle when it began to fish-tail as he rounded a curve on NC intrastate 55 near Callisons. Though the car flipped and landed in a canal, he reported that he was not injured.



## Jim White, author of multiple books on local history, earns prestigious award for latest publication

The North Carolina Society of Historians honored Jim White with its 2018 President's Award for 2 of his recent publications, Portsmouth Island: Memories of Nina Mann Dixon and New Bern & The Civil War. He was honored for contributions toward the collection, preservation, and perpetuation of NC history. A native of Cove City who lives in Trent Woods, he is married to the former Nancy Brinson of Reelsboro,

White graduated from Jones Senior High School, attended Louisburg College, earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from UNC-Chapel Hill, a Master in Education and from East Carolina East Carolina University. He subsequently received Education Specialist certification with a concentration of 40 hours in history.

His passion for North Carolina history is rooted in the relationship he had with his maternal grandmother, Lucy Gilgo, originally from Oriental. "I was fortunate to have her as a grandmother. She taught school on Portsmouth Island for about 10 years, met my grandfather, and lived there for the rest of her days. My aunt, Nina Mann Dixon, was raised on Portsmouth Island. When I was not much more than a toddler, I would sit at their feet as they told stories about the hurricane of 1898 and the Civil War era. They had 2 uncles that were blockade runners. They were great story tellers which paved the way for me later in life to teach history as a story."

White taught history at what was then Pamlico County Junior High School for 3 years, Arapahoe Elementary School for 5 years, and then was a principal in Tyrell county for 6 years. After his stint in Tyrell County, he was a principal at Bridgeton Elementary School for 7 years but said he then escaped the politics to return to the classroom. He retired from West Craven High School in 2007. After retiring, he taught at Pamlico Community College and Mount Olive University. "I had a blast teaching history; I thoroughly enjoyed the students. When I see a former student now, they will come up and hug me."

Research for his first book on Portsmouth began 1993. "I walked the whole island over and became familiar with every house and who lived where. I also gathered tons

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# COMMUNITY

## PROBABLE WEEKEND WEATHER



**Saturday:** The Pamlico forecast for Jan 12 is 48 degrees and Cloudy. There is 67 percent chance of rain and 5 mph winds from the Northeast.



**Sunday:** The Pamlico forecast for Jan 13 is 44 degrees and Cloudy. There is 85 percent chance of rain and 9 mph winds from the Northeast.

# Looking Back

Taken from January 15, 1981 Edition of The Palmetto News



The Oriental Harbor was only one of many places around the area that felt the damaging blows of hurricanes during a period of 1955 to 1964. (This photograph is from the files of Mrs. G. P. Midget of Oriental)



Erosion is always a continuing problem along the Neuse River. This particular photograph is from the files of G.P. Midget and was taken along the river shore in Oriental between 1955 - 1964

## QUICK REFERENCE

**Emergency:** Dial 911 for police, sheriff, fire departments, rescue squads, ambulance  
**Animal Poison Control Center:** 1-888-426-4435  
**Carteret General Hospital:** 808-6000  
**Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** 638-8591  
**Emergency Pet Care:** 444-1399  
**Highway Patrol:** 1-800-441-6127  
**Medical Assistance – (CarolinaEast Medical Center):** 633-8111  
**Nova Urgent Care:** 745-7440

**Emergency Management:** 745-4131  
**Health Dept.:** 745-5111  
**Recycling Center:** 745-3283  
**Senior Services:** 745-7196  
**Sheriff's Dept. (non-emergency) –** 745-3101  
**Social Services:** 745-4086  
**Tax Collector:** 745-4125  
**Water Dept.:** 745-5453  
**Poison Control Center:** 1-800-222-1222  
**US Coast Guard (Hobucken):** 745-3131

**Pamlico County Departments**  
**Board of Elections:** 745-4821  
**County Manager:** 745-3133

## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

Look forward to solid and passionate developments in the days to come, Aries. If you're seeking love, then sparks may soon fly. Be on the lookout.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, after some recent turbulence, rest easy knowing that calmer waters are ahead. Some tranquility and stability is just what the doctor ordered.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**

Gemini, expect some big changes in your love life in the weeks to come. Count your blessings because you deserve all the good news that's coming your way.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**

Surprises are in store for Cancers who are willing to take some risks. If you resign from your job, you just may find a dream position shortly after — things can be that dramatic.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**

Some cosmic goodness is in store for you, Leo. Be excited about your prospects. This year can start out on the right foot, especially as it pertains to domestic matters.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, things in your domestic sector are bound to settle down in a few days. If you planned improvements at home, you'll sail through those in no time with some help from friends.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, some pivotal changes may come into your life shortly. You may find out your family is increasing or learn that a career change is in the works. Start counting good fortune.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

A talent that you used to feel insecure about can be an avenue to earn a significant amount of money, Scorpio. Don't hesitate to monetize and share your gifts.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

While you have been in a stable relationship for some time now, both parties may be looking to shake things up. It can go two ways: A breakup or newfound depth.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

Venus, the ruler of your career sector, will point your professional efforts in the right direction, Capricorn. Your professional outlook might turn completely around.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

You may notice people in your social life are more friendly and accommodating lately, Aquarius. In fact, friends have always been there for you because they believe in you.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, if you've been waiting for seed money to start a venture, then your patience will pay off. Expect some good news to come.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

**JANUARY 6**

Eddie Redmayne, Actor (37)

**JANUARY 7**

Jeremy Renner, Actor (48)

**JANUARY 8**

Carolina Herrera, Designer (80)

**JANUARY 9**

Kate Middleton, Duchess (37)

**JANUARY 10**

Pat Benatar, Singer (66)

### PC Republican Party

The PC Republican Party meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Bayboro Courthouse Annex at 6:30 pm. Contact Chairman Dave Wickersham at 252.269.4101 for further information.

### Oriental Farmers' Market

Open every Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Located on Hodges Street in front of Garland Fulchers Seafood. The market features a wide variety of goodies including locally grown produce, farm fresh eggs, home-baked breads, biscotti, cookies, cakes, pies as well as preserves and chocolates.

### County Senior Center

the first and third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. For more information call Beth Hardison at 745-7196.

### NAACP Monthly Meeting

The NAACP of Pamlico County will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Pamlico County Senior Services Center at 800 Main Street in Alliance. All interested persons are invited and welcome to attend.

### Gardens of Pamlico

We need volunteers of any age to help with residents and brighten their day! Contact Kelly Lawson, 252-671-8251

### DEBRIS PICK-UP

Reminder that the final pass for debris pick-up will begin after Tuesday, January 1st. Please have your debris to the right of way. There are three categories of debris: Construction/Household Debris (Please note that any insulation needs to be in clear plastic bags), Appliances, and Vegetative. Please remember to separate your debris into these three categories. Thank you, Samantha McKinney Administrative Assistant, Town of Oriental

### PCC Small Business Center

**Seminars**  
 Starting a Business Series (SA) Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 16, Mar 2 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 If you are serious about starting a small business or expanding a business in North Carolina, this training will help you get started. The topics each week will be (1) How to Start a Small Business; (2) Financing your Small Business; (3) How to write a Business Plan; (4) How to Find your Customers; (5) Basics of Bookkeeping; (6) Your Small Business Taxes; (7) Marketing your Small Business. Pre-registration is strongly suggested. Presenter: Mike Marsh

### How to Start a Nonprofit Business

(FR) Feb 8 5:30-8:30  
 There is a tremendous interest coming from our communities of wanting to know how to form a nonprofit business. If you are considering stating a non-profit business, please plan to attend this very informative seminar. Presenter: Sam Gore

### How to Do The 501(c)(3) Thing (completing your 1023 form)

(SA) Feb 9 9:00 am-12:00 pm

## NOTE THE DATE

This seminar will carefully guide individuals through the 1023 form and provide vital information concerning how to respond to statements and questions needed to satisfy IRS reviewers. Presenter: Sam Gore

### How to Restore or Develop a Board that's On Board

(SA) Feb 9 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Board meetings are not just about information, but also "transformation." Organizations will rise or fall as a direct result of a functional or dysfunctional Board. This seminar is focused primarily on some practical tips and tools, rather than the latest research that can bring about "transformational change," in Boards. Government agencies, Foundations, and individual donors and other potential supporters and funders want information concerning Boards. What they discover might make the difference between receiving their support and/or funds, or not. Presenter: Sam Gore

### Visual Social Media Marketing Series

Creating Visual Content for Social Media Marketing (FR) Feb 22 3:00-5:00 pm  
 Learn what types of content your social media are looking for. Plan your Social Strategy, what do you want to create and post? Learn tools, websites, and apps that you can use to create videos, photos, gif's, and so much more. Presenter: Christina Williams

### Canva - Create all types of Visuals for Social Media Marketing

(FR) Feb 22 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Canva is a free online graphics program that allows you to create, design, download, and print images for your social media marketing. Learn to use this website to create materials for your marketing such as business cards, flyers, posters, social media graphics, and so much more. Presenter: Christina Williams

### YouTube: Learn to create social videos and market on YouTube

(SA) Feb 23 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
 Plan your video social media marketing, get ideas on what types of videos you should create for your business, get free apps/sites for creating videos, and then learn how to create your business YouTube Channel and how to upload videos and promote your small business on the fastest growing Social Media Network! Presenter: Christina Williams

### Online Slideshows: Create presentations and convert to videos for your Social Media Marketing

(SA) Feb 23 1:00-3:00 pm  
 Learn about free online slideshow software to create presentations that you can convert to videos for your social media marketing. Learn where and how to share these with the right audience on Social Media. You'll learn how to use Slideshare.net, which allows you to create a free account and post your presentations. What could your business gain from this? Presenter: Christina Williams

### Never Meet a Stranger:

Guerrilla Marketing for Networking Events, Trade Shows, and Expos (TU) Mar 5 6:00-9:00 pm  
 Trade shows, expos and networking events can be excellent ways to attract business... if you understand that they are netWORKing events. They are not net-eating, net-visiting, net-standing-around-waiting-for-someone-to-talk-to-you-events. These events can establish your credibility, help you meet new prospects, network with current customers and allies, and even practice new sales techniques. Take advantage of this event before the Business Expo and Job Fair on March 30. Presenter: Mike Collins

### Blogging for your Small Business Series

(MO) Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
 Ms. Stones is a local blogger who will discuss how blogging can help your business, how to personalize your site, and build and market your blog. This four-part series will cover the following topics:  
 Mar 4 Is Blogging Right for your Business?  
 Mar 11 The Operations of your Site  
 Mar 18 Personalizing your Site  
 Mar 25 Building your Blog  
 Presenter: Tracey Stones

### Customer Service

(TU) Apr 2 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Customer service is crucial in businesses today. Almost every company seems to understand just how important customer service is and many have started to find ways to improve and measure customer service. In this seminar, we are going to look at what customer service is, and isn't, and identify how you can understand and provide good customer service. Presenter: Mindy Moore

### How to Create Business documents using Microsoft Word--Hands-On Workshop

(TU) Apr 9 and 16 6:00-8:00 pm  
 The advantages of MS Word extend beyond its ability to create a letter and compose a memo. Business owners can use Microsoft Word to create content and design marketing pieces that integrate with other programs. Presenter: Mindy Moore

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### Disposal of FORMERLY LIVE

Christmas trees has begun. You can drop your tree, without any remaining decoration, into the large Waste Industries bins in front of the Water Treatment Plant on Gilgo Rd. If you need assistance in disposing of your tree, please call Town Hall at 252-249-0555.

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# Pamlico Community College

Sandy Wall, Director of Public Affairs

## Registration for the 2019 Spring Semester still open at PCC

There is still time for students to sign up for classes this semester at Pamlico Community College! New and returning students can register for seated courses for the Spring 2019 semester as long as they sign up before the first day of class, which is Monday, Jan. 14.

Meanwhile, students who are interested in online courses can sign up until the first day of class for those web-based offerings, which is Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The college wrapped up its formal registration period on Monday and Tuesday, but PCC officials want to ensure interested students have a chance to get started this semester.

“We want to make sure we provide every opportunity possible for men and women to register for curriculum courses this semester,” said PCC President Dr. Jim Ross. “Pamlico Community College is committed to increasing the community’s access to degree, diploma and certificate programs, which enable men and women to improve their lives.”

New and returning students are encouraged to discuss their options with the college’s Student Services staff members this week. They can be reached at 252-249-1851, ext. 3001, by email at [studentservices@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:studentservices@pamlicocc.edu), or by visiting the Johnson Building on campus.

Looking ahead, local high school students have until the end of January to sign up for tuition-free PCC classes through the N.C. Career & College Promise program. Contact Derek Godwin at 252-745-7349 for more information.

PCC can help you get started on a great new career or can put you on your way to earning a bachelor’s degree at a fraction of the cost of university tuition. The college offers a wide range of seated and online courses, and PCC’s faculty members and staffers are dedicated to helping you succeed.

PCC features small class sizes, with a 9-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio. The college is also affordable, with financial aid available for those who qualify.

The college recently was named the No. 3 community college in America by SmartAsset, which used U.S. Department of Education data to compile its rankings. PCC also has been named an Aspen Prize Top 150 college.

Regardless of whether you are a traditional student, a high schooler who is looking to get ahead in your studies or an adult learner who wants to complete an academic dream or investigate a possible career change, PCC has something to offer in 2019.

“We are honored to serve this resilient community and want to see it continue to thrive,” Ross said. “I would urge area residents to contact PCC to see how we can help them improve their lives and the lives of their families starting this year. All of us are ready to help.”

For more information about registering at PCC, call 252-249-1851, ext. 3001, or visit [www.pamlicocc.edu](http://www.pamlicocc.edu) on the web. Sandy Wall can be reached at 252-249-1851, ext. 3010, or [swall@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:swall@pamlicocc.edu).



Pamlico Community College Welding Instructor Joe Flynn, left, discusses course options with student Shane Anderson of Hobucken. Contributed photo

## Children’s Theater Workshop to present program by TheaterWorks, USA from New York City to Pamlico County 2nd grade students February 6

The board members of Children’s Theater Workshop is pleased to once again gift the 2nd graders in the county with a live play! For several years now, collaboration with the Old Theater has allowed Fred A. Anderson Elementary, Pamlico Christian Academy, and Arapahoe Charter school and Pamlico County home-school families to bring the 2nd graders to the Old Theater for a free, live play.

TheaterWorks, USA from New York City will have professional actors give a performance at The Old Theater on February 6th! This year’s play is “Henry & Mudge” based on the book series by Cynthia Rylant.

A week or two prior to the play, the board members of Children’s Theater Workshop visits each class to read the story and gifts the class with the book on which that play is based. The play


performed each spring in Oriental is often the children’s first live theater experience. The Children’s Theater Workshop strives to provide an annual theater arts program to the children of Pamlico County.

More information can be obtained from Yolandi Cristiani, Children’s Theater Workshop, P.O. Box 493, Oriental, NC 28571-0493, or at the children’s theater website, [www.childrenstheateronc.com](http://www.childrenstheateronc.com).

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# EDITORIALS

## Catering to his base

President Trump hopes to be elected to a second term as president in a few years and he is already conducting the affairs of his office with that in mind. He, of course, is not the first president to do that. Almost all who have preceded him have done the same, thinking that if they were to lose their re-election, it would not only be a great personal tragedy, but also a terrible tragedy for the nation. Alas, how will the nation ever survive without him at the helm?

Because of this ego-centric mania, President Trump like others before him is very much concerned with his base support. He has made promises to his base which he must keep, even if keeping them is not in the best interest of the country as a whole. The

current shut down of the government is a case in point. Trump fears that if he compromises on his unreasonable demand for a 5 billion dollar wall, his base will abandon him. So he is willing, he says, for as long as it takes to shut down the government. Never mind that there are hundreds of thousands who will not receive a pay check or that citizens will not have the services they need. Just shut her down! That's what his base wants and that is what he must give them, no matter what.

But maybe he need not be so fearful about his base. It is reported that Jerry Falwell, Jr. has said that there is nothing, nothing at all that Trump could do which would cause religious evangelical Christians to forfeit their allegiance to him. If this is so, it is clear

evidence that evangelical Christianity has sold its soul to the devil. How unfortunate for the Christian witness to the world! There will be predictable religious costs to this blind allegiance to someone so terribly flawed as the current President. That cost will be extracted in Christianity being turned away from and rejected because of its collusion with evil.

It has happened before. There have been times when the Christian faith was used to justify slavery, the oppression of women, racial injustice, and the hatred of those who are different. Christianity is still trying to recover from much of that, and for some critics, it never will. A Christianity that aligns itself with political positions that

oppress people and that put personal position, wealth, and power over the common good is not worth having. Such Christianity does not seem at all to follow the teachings of its Master, who sided with the poor and the oppressed.

So while catering to one's base may be a useful political strategy for a re-election campaign there is something unseemly and cowardly about it. It is to surrender one's freedom to act and to even compromise to achieve what is best for all. It is to ever be the servant of popularity contests, the loudest talk shows, and political polls, and not a servant of the people.

Merritt Watson, Jr.

# COMMENTARY

It is not appropriate to suggest what someone could do with a sophisticated drone, or drones working in unison to the wall in question. Some misguided soul would attempt to do it, just as criminals and enemies of this nation procure ideas from comic books or television reality shows.

A simple solution to the wall mania lies in jobs, jobs, jobs. There are always people seeking new or better employment opportunities. How many people could be employed as border security agents with \$5 billion dollars?

With salary, benefits, and equipment,

it could cost a hundred thousand dollars per new border agent per year. Divide 5 billion by 100 thousand; the quotient is 50,000. If there are 50,000 new border patrol agents, each has a four wheeler and weapons of deterrence how many agents can be hired per mile for 2,000 miles of border? The quotient is 25 per mile for 5 billion dollars.

With 5,280 feet in a mile, 5,280 over 25, quotient is 211. One agent can ride back and forth over 211 feet to protect the southern border.

There is a reason this plan will not be implemented. It is logical and makes sense.

If some agents possessed the mindsets of politicians, with the right bribe, new immigrants could find 211 foot wide gates.

Inasmuch as 5 billion dollars will not be used to create 50,000 new jobs at the border, I shutter to think what a drone in the wrong hands can do. Alloys suppress the melting range of iron which has a melting point of 1535°C. Chromium and nickel added to iron yields stainless steel that melts at 1400-1450 °C. But a steel wall would not have to melt. It can be twisted just as we have allowed our mindsets to become twisted.

The editorial page is a forum for the public to express a broad range of tasteful and appropriate personal perspectives. Viewpoints published here, even those of the editor, are not an official position of the newspaper. Thank you, the editor.

# IN THE MAIL

I have never written a letter to the editor but after overhearing a conversation I now feel compelled to.

Let me start this by telling you the situation that prompted this letter. I was at a local eatery at nearly 9 in the evening, my work shift having ended about an hour beforehand, and overheard "they don't care, they don't even answer the phone." As I listened more intently, the discussion was about contractors in our area. So being a local contractor I'd like a chance to respond to the discussion that I'm sure has happened more than at that particular moment here in Pamlico County recently.

I am an electrician and business owner here in Pamlico. I love it here and have enjoyed serving the needs of homeowners in Pamlico County for over 15 years. I'll attempt to speak for all local contractors when I say I hate that my customers are suffering after the devastation created by hurricane Florence. As for myself, and I feel many other service providers here in Pamlico, we feel your pain. Many of us have had damage as well and are struggling to have our own needs met. I have worked over 1000 hours since the storm to try to get things back to normal. I have taken calls late at night, at 5 in the morning, on Christmas day (by the way, don't do that), I have worked 100 hour plus weeks and am doing my best to get the situation better than it was the day before. I'll apologize for not being able to repair your dock lift motors because I am at a job where the family is living in a camper in their driveway because they have no heat, or the floors in the kitchen have been removed to the framing due to flooding. I think I speak for most of us in saying we are honestly trying our best to get us back to our normal day to day lifestyle. I typically answer my phone during business hours and lately have not.

Why?

A simple answer, I still go to my job sites, I get 15 calls daily and all start with, "Did you forget me?" No, I haven't, but I don't answer because that becomes a 5 minute call to explain my schedule and that becomes an hour plus daily to explain that we are trying our best to multiple people and an hour of productive daylight time lost. We will respond however it may take a bit before we have any insight on when we can get to your particular job site.

We have reheated most of our dinners in a microwave after getting home hours after our families have eaten. We have worked through our favorite team's football games. We have worked during most of the holiday season when people were enjoying their time with friends and family. We have worked in the rain, crawled beneath flooded homes, been cut by debris, been shocked by compromised wiring, we have hurt and bled in our attempts to repair the homes of our customers.

To hear we don't care is far more painful than the cuts

Believe it or not, our nation is being held hostage by none other than our very own President. He is doing it with the shutdown of the government, it regardless of the thousands of people out of work, with no pay check coming in weekly. He holds us hostage while creating a greater threat to security- fewer officers watching our borders, checking the people who fly in our of our airports, and sailing into our sea ports. He refuses to compromise, putting the blame on Democrats never mind that he said in national tv he would take the blame.

His stated reason for being so hard-headed is border security. Through all the centuries of wall building we have

and bruises we gotten performing repairs. As for myself I did not change labor rates feeling that was taking advantage of an unfortunate situation and could not do that to OUR people here in the county. I didn't start a new business to try to capitalize on others misfortune. I did however try my best to put others needs before my own wants and still continue to do so after 3 months of recovery.

I heard several times during that talk previously mentioned "We just don't care." WE DO. We are only able to get to so many per week. It has become nearly impossible to find help. I blame that on two things. The first being the drug epidemic that plagues our county (and most other local areas) and that makes it hard to find people we can trust to employ.

Secondly I blame the education system that instills in the brighter youth that the only way you can succeed nowadays is by achieving a college degree. Tradesmen are not knuckle dragging idiot high school drop outs. Many have hundreds if not thousands of hours of classroom instruction to learn our trades. We need sharp young minds entering the field and are desperate to find them.

Am I against higher education? Heck no, I have a child in college now and I also have one in the field with me daily and am equally proud of both and honestly feel that the one who works with me likely has more income potential in the long run as we have many who aspire to be lawyers and few who are willing to get dirty to make a living and eventually raise a family here in Pamlico.

If the decline in experienced tradesmen continues to happen you will soon pay more for a visit by a skilled crafts person than you will for your lawyer or accountant.

In closing I'll just ask that you understand that we (again I feel like I speak for most contractors based in our area) are trying our hardest to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors. Most I know have worked more 14 hour days than we have had off in the last 3 months and understand your frustration. I personally have had 7 days off in the 110 days since the hurricane (3 of which were major holidays) and many long days and evenings since. I can only ask that you respect that and not bad mouth us within earshot while we are taking a moment to enjoy some time out with our families.

I understand everybody's patience is running thin but can assure you that the delays are due to the overwhelming needs or our customers coupled with the lack of skilled professionals capable of performing the repairs. I ask that you try to be patient with us and even if not be respectful .of the little bit of time we get to enjoy with our families. I appreciate those that have taken the time to read my entire rant and hang in there ... We are coming.

Chris McPherson, Merritt NC'

learned that people will find a way over, under, or around the wall. Ask those who live in Jerusalem or near Gaza. He stated there have thousands of terrorists coming into our country across the Mexican border. The truth is that have detained only people in a terrorist watch list.

I think what gets me the most is the fact that Congress people and cabinet members are still getting paid. The one sure fire way to bring the shutdown to an end is out all of the legislators on furlough, no paychecks and a solution will come quickly.

Jerry Harper, Oriental

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## Health Board resignations

At Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting of the Pamlico County Commissioners, Commissioner Ed Riggs notified the board that the newly elected chair of the The County Health Board, Michelle Parrish had resigned last week and

that another member had subsequently resigned. The next meeting of the commissioners on January 22 will be a public hearing to receive input on a proposal for The County to assume a direct role in the leadership and management of the Pamlico Health Department.



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Licensed Clinical Social Worker/Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist Joins StillWaters

The StillWaters Counseling Program of HeartWorks recently contracted with Stacy Connor, LCSW, LCAS. Connor is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 15 years of experience in the mental health and counseling fields. Most recently, she was a counselor aboard MCAS Cherry Point where she delivered family education and counseling to military personnel and their families. She also holds a certificate that allows her to provide substance use assessment and counseling. She is in the process of receiving her Clinical Social Work Supervision Certificate.

Connor attended East Carolina University where she earned a Master of Social Work degree. While there, she also completed a certificate program to allow her to provide substance use services. Connor has several specialties of practice including individual and family therapies, substance use assessment and counseling, trauma work, counseling and education for military personnel and their families, and behavior management.

Connor joins a full staff of licensed therapists including Aimee Schulze, LCSW, Stephanie Erickson, LCSW, Thomas Warren, LPC, and Dana Schelegle, LMFT. Services are provided either at the conveniently located office at 205 Main Street, Bayboro or in the Pamlico County Schools.

StillWaters is a program of HeartWorks, a non-profit community service agency. StillWaters provides counseling to children and adults in Pamlico County. Through a grant from Pamlico County's Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, children between the ages of 6 through 17 who are involved with the criminal justice system can be seen and served without cost. StillWaters accepts most insurances and can serve the under and uninsured through a contract with Trillium Health Resources. For more information about StillWaters or to make an appointment, call 252-745-4510.

## County Commissioners crack down on collection of non-hurricane related debris

A usually packed house for the scheduled first Monday meeting of the Pamlico County Commissioners found only one young lady in the audience. As commissioners prepared to begin the meeting, they exchanged comments about whether or not adjournment could be accomplished before the 8 PM kick-off of the nationally college football championship game.

Following an assignment of commissioners to be representatives on other local boards, Chair Paul Delamar, raised an issue related to Hurricane Florence debris collection.

Delamar's point of concern was that residents were receiving demolition permits for houses that really did not receive hurricane damage, then placing the debris for roadside pick-up by contractors hired under the premise that FEMA would ultimately foot the bill for removal. Because contractors are behind in demolishing structures, those damaged by the hurricane in addition to derelicts, a permit in hand has been assumed to be a valid permit to place the debris along the roadside even though the deadline has passed for that.

Instead of discussing extending the deadline for placing debris on roadsides, the commissioners embarked on a lengthy discussion that resulted in creating a new deadline, not for depositing waste on roadsides, but for

registering a statement with the county manager's office about debris from pending demolitions that would need removal.

Delamar announced, "I have seen two dilapidated houses that have not been occupied for 20 years or more be demolished and the debris deposited alongside the road for the taxpayers to foot the bill for removal. We are supposed to be reimbursed by FEMA to remove hurricane debris, but I have read in some reliable reports that the government shut-down could last up to a year. If that happens, we know it will be some time before FEMA issues a reimbursement check." He also noted that it takes a long time to receive reimbursement even when there is no shut-down.

Available contractors for continued pick-up was also mentioned as a pending problem. County Manager, Tim Buck told commissioners that the amount contractors receive per cubic yard is relatively low. "They make money only through volume. When the volume drops off, it will be difficult to find contractors that will continue to haul this debris away."

As Delamar became more adamant about finding a means to prevent non-hurricane related debris from showing up on roadsides, Commissioner Doug Brinson observed that the destruction of some of these derelicts would be beneficial for the county in attracting new

residents and businesses. His observation failed to gain traction.

Commissioner Pat Prescott's surmise that the derelicts had probably also received damage from the hurricane also failed to make a dent in the chairman's quest to prevent taxpayer funds from being used to remove non-hurricane related debris.

The board passed a motion creating January 31 as a deadline for residents to notify The County of pending demolitions resulting in removal of hurricane related damage. Upon receipt of this notice, the county will

inspect the property before honoring a request for debris removal after a demolition.

Commissioner ED Riggs classified this as a fact finding mission to determine just how much debris will be generated because of pending demolitions of hurricane damaged structures.

In other business, the commissioners moved their January 21 public hearing on the possibility of the county assuming a direct leadership and management role in The County's health department to January 22 because of the holiday honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



As commissioners discussed ways to thwart local residents from demolishing dilapidated structures and placing the debris on roadsides with hurricane refuse, Commissioner Carl Ollison peppered his colleagues with questions that sought clarification on motions that concerned him about needs of his constituents. He prefaced many of his questions with,

"What do I tell someone who asks ...?"

## NC Division of Marine Fisheries announces annual crab and fish pot closure period beginning January 15

MOREHEAD CITY - The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries is reminding fishermen of the annual crab and fish pot removal period beginning January 15, ending February 7.

This removal period allows for derelict and abandoned pots to be removed from internal waters to limit the impacts of ghost fishing to the blue crab and other fisheries.

All pots must be removed from internal waters except for fish pots upstream of the U.S. 17 Bridge across the Chowan River and upstream of a line across the mouth of the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers to the Highway 258 Bridge. The Fisheries Director may, by proclamation, reopen waters to the use of pots after Jan. 19 if they are determined to be free of pots.

For more information about the pot removal period or questions concerning the blue crab fishery contact Jason Rock at 252-808-8091, jason.rock@ncdenr.gov or Corrin Flora at 252-264-3911, corrin.flora@ncdenr.gov

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## Search warrant executed in Reelsboro, 6 arrested for various drug violations

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, assisted by The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI), executed a search warrant at 61 Black Horse Run, Reelsboro, NC on January 4, 2019. The sheriff's department had received numerous drug complaints from concerned citizens about this address. During the search, deputies seized trafficking amounts of heroin, prescription medication, cocaine, marijuana, and a large sum of U.S. Currency. As a result of the operation, deputies arrested and charged 6 defendants with multiple drug violations. Additional charges are expected as the investigation in ongoing.

Those arrested and charged were:  
Lisa Gible Hawkins, 51, of 61 Black Horse Run, Reelsboro, NC, charged with Trafficking in Opium, PWIMSD SCH II, PWIMSD SCH III, PWIMSD SCH IV, PWIMSD SCH VI, Conspire to Sell Heroin, Possess Drug Paraphernalia.

Hawkins has a secure bond of \$500,000.00 and a court date of 01/11/2019.

Daphne Leigh Kutkuhn, 29, of 18 Moonlight Lake Drive, Reelsboro, NC, charged with, Trafficking in Heroin, Simple Possession of SCH III, Sell/Deliver Heroin.

Kutkuhn has a secure bond of \$500,000.00 and a court date of 01/11/2019.

Richard Scott Long, 29, of 61 Blackhorse Run, Reelsboro, NC, charged with Sell/Deliver Heroin.

Long has a secure bond of \$50,000.00 and a court date of 01/11/2019.

Carol Gible Stephens, 55, of 61 Blackhorse Run, Reelsboro, NC, charged with Conspire to Sell/Deliver Heroin.

Stephens has a secure bond of \$25,000.00 and a court date of 01/11/2019.

Nicole Parker Willis, 34, of 451 Gales Creek Road, Newport, NC, charged with Felony Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Willis has a secure bond of \$25,000.00 and a court date of 01/11/2019.

Leslie Garran Anderson, 46, of 280 Fox Wood Trail, Reelsboro, NC, charged with Conspire to Sell/Deliver Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Anderson has a secure bond of \$35,000.00 and a court date of 01/11/2019.

Sheriff Davis commented, "We will continue to pursue those responsible for distributing drugs throughout our county. Heroin and other illegal drugs continue to destroy the fabric of our communities and we will do everything possible to rid those responsible for trafficking this deadly poison in Pamlico County."

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# Resiliency, Resolve to Recover & Rebuild

News focused on the worst disaster to ever strike North Carolina continues to evolve months after Hurricane Florence made landfall on September 14, 2018. It has been commonplace to see debris piled on roadsides from homes along The County's waterways, but more and more this scene is repeating itself along inland roadways some distance from shorelines.

Rising flood waters carried by the tidal surge from Pamlico Sound into creeks and rivers brought forth massive damage to waterfront properties, but now, the damage from the descending flood that fell from the skies over several days has been discovered to be as bad or worse as those homes invaded by rising flood waters.

Demolition of old homes situated away from the riverbanks and creeks that have weathered decades of hurricanes is becoming common in many parts of The County. But the resolve to rebuild is also part of this dynamic, common among those who suffered either rising or descending floods.

In the photograph at right, a house near the end of NC intrastate 55 that was home for many generations of different families was demolished last week, but just a few days later, pilings for a new elevated structure were being pounded into the earth in the shadow of the debris from the demolition.

Rebuilding has also revealed some rather ingenious efforts to not just rebuild what was destroyed, but to employ novel changes to better withstand the next hurricane.

The iconic fisherman and fish house found just outside Oriental's town limits, Keith Bruno, is a prime example. After Hurricane Irene severely damaged his operations in 2011, he used an old box truck as an ice house and cooler, planning to have it towed away when the next hurricane was poised to strike.

That plan was foiled when it was discovered the old truck had mired itself into the soil and defied efforts to be towed. Bruno's entire business was subsequently swept away by Florence and his home ... though elevated on pilings ... was significantly damaged with rising flood waters also.

A new truck-style fish house on a concrete bed has almost a 100% guarantee of being able to travel out of harm's way has been located where the old box truck was battered, broken, and washed away.

He told *The Pamlico News*, "In the first few days after the storm we decided two things. We would rebuild, and we had to find a way to keep things safe from the next storm. We knew we would have to try to make the cooler unit removable. There would be no way to keep it safe where it was. The trailer idea did not simply come on like a light switch. The idea evolved slowly. I talked to a lot of people. Bouncing my new vision off all who would listen. Ideas were formed, plans were made. It is all still a work in progress. Some days are harder than others. Friends and family ALWAYS come through. When doubt creeps in people come through. When other's make it so obvious that they believe in you, there is no choice but to believe in yourself. Will the new Endurance Seafood be better than the old? I don't know. I have not ever seen a set up like this before. It will be newer, more efficient, nicer looking."

"I will still be here. A bit more road weary, but still the same old Endurance Seafood in a new suit. All because of the people, the people of Oriental, Pamlico county, North Carolina, and all over the United States.

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Endurance has a new truck now, but not a box truck, a 48 foot trailer, placed on a concrete roadbed complete with a newly installed seawall buried deep in the ground. It promises to be an easy tow-away when the next storm threatens. The ice maker on top can be removed, the refrigeration compressor has been permanently mounted so it can move with the trailer. The unit is divided into 4 units, an ice house, freezer, cooler, and storage space.




The resiliency and resolve of the Keith Bruno family has not failed as they have weathered 3 major hurricanes in 15 years. He stands where his new dock is under construction, now protected by a buried sea wall. The ice-maker perched atop the trailer serving as his new fish house can be removed when the trailer needs to move to escape the next storm.

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

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The grant proposal is available for public review and comment at the main office of Coastal Community Action, Inc., located at 303 McQueen Avenue in Newport. A Public Hearing will be held during the CCA Board of Directors meeting on January 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at CCA. The grant application will be available for public review and comment at County Administration Offices in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties through February 13, 2019:

Carteret County Administration, Court Square, Beaufort, NC  
Craven County Administration, 406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC  
Jones County Administration, 418 Hwy 58 North, Trenton, NC  
Pamlico County Administration, 302 Main Street, Bayboro, NC

The grant application is due February 15, 2019 to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Economic Opportunity in Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information regarding submission of the grant please e-mail questions and/or comments to Charlotte A. Neely, Family and Children's Services Program Director at charlotte.neely@coastalca.org. Catissa Head is the Executive Director of Coastal Community Action, Inc. and Angela Christian is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

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## Aurora



Joy McCracken, Correspondent

I went to a new mega grocery store and was blown away by the experience. They had so many stations and sections that one could conceivably stay in there the whole day. At the checkout I was asked if I wanted plastic or paper. I just stood there in stunned silence for several seconds not knowing how to respond. I think it's been two decades since I've been asked that. I got paper and the cats had a good bag playing experience after I got home. I wonder how much bigger these stores will get. I hosted a visiting teacher years ago from The Netherlands and took him to our fairly large Winn Dixie. He was so astounded at the size and selection that he was taking pictures. The manager confronted us thinking he was a corporate spy or something.

The winter, if you can call it that, has been so mild of late that I saw an orange Skipper butterfly and have heard crickets at night. I've even had on the ceiling fan a couple of times. I'm not complaining, but am probably getting tired of all the rain. The ground squishes when walking about.

Water has been so long in some of the ditches that a green slime has appeared.

I witnessed a sizable 'V' formation of Tundra Swans fly over the house the other day. I'm seeing a few Canvasbacks and the rest mostly Lesser Scaups in the cove.

It seems my moon/sun roof on my fairly new SUV has failed. I got it diagnosed at Potter's but will have to take it on in to the dealership for the complete repair. Those folks at Potter always treat me wonderfully and even helped me solve a couple of other little problems I was having.

Nothing but little cotton balls left in the fields now. It looks like God spilt a big bag of grits.

The Winter Birding Class will begin on 1/15 at Pamlico Community College. I highly recommend this class. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Denise Meyerson, at 252-249-1861 ext 3113, or [dmeyersen@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:dmeyersen@pamlicocc.edu).

## Goose Creek Island



Annette Jones, 55 Plus Club Correspondent

Goose Creek Island 55 Plus Club met Thursday at the Community Center with Pres, Rosanne Rowe presiding. Chaplain Bob Johnson brought the devotional from Isaiah 64:8 We answered the question, "If you met Jesus face to face, what would you say to him?" Rosanne read a list of safety tips for seniors. We enjoyed several games of Bingo. The Installation Ceremony for 2019 officers was conducted by Sue Gaskill Gilgo. New officers - Pres. Rosanne Gaskill Rowe, V.P Ila Dowdy Leary, Sec/Treas Karen Lupton Ireland, Chaplain Bob Johnson and Correspondent Edith Johnson. You may notice that these folks were re-elected. If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it! Congratulations to our NEW officers! Brenda Lewis, Mildred Fulford and I played Scrabble. They each won a game! Just wait til next week girls! The Rummikub ladies had a lot of fun as usual. We hear them laughing and talking in the next room.

Prayer List: Lee Lupton of Chesapeake, Va. is recovering from a recent heart attack. Ronnie Watson is receiving medical treatment in Chapel Hill. Dorothy Lee is receiving chemo treatment. Jennie Jones broke her ankle last week but is doing good. Jane Watson Brown, Aimee Rowe, Zander

Caroon and Abel Scott were placed on the prayer list.

Happy Birthday: Trey Sadler, Teresa Grubbs, Jack Sadler, Simeon Matthew Grubbs and Rylan De Oliveria - Jan 10, Linda Lewis Caroon, Frankie Whitford Beach III and Michael Leary - Jan11, Ernest Lee Spain, Hiram Lupton, Jr., Jarod Clay Williamson and Janet Gail Jarvis - Jan13, Scarlet Bonner, Christopher Jones and Madison Elizabeth Sadler -Jan 15, Ruth Ireland, Gladys Henries Shelton -Jan 16.

Guy and Gentry Jones are pleased to be back home in Florence Their house has been repaired and elevated since the hurricane. However, Guy is having complications from the back surgery he had after the storm and will be scheduled for another operation soon.

Edna O'Neal McKinney and daughter Nancy visited with Edna's sister, Bootsie O'Neal Wilkins at Pamlico Beach Dec 28. Bootsie is having serious medical problems.

Many thanks to Woodmen of Life for donating an American Flag to Barnett Cemetery in Hobucken. Our community appreciates their support so much!

Goose Creek Island Community Dev. Inc. will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Pamlico



Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent

There was hardly a parking spot to be found in Bayboro to be for the first Kairos Weekend in 2019. Pamlico Kairos #1 was having their final all-day team training at Bayboro Baptist Church preparing for the first Kairos Weekend to be held later this month at Pamlico Correctional Institute. Then, the funeral for Bernard B. Hollowell required all the parking at Bayboro United Methodist Church as well as parking at the old Scotchman, along road sides and any other available spaces within walking distance. Praise the Lord it was not raining. The Bayboro UMC sanctuary filled up rapidly and those arriving later were seated in the fellowship hall. The Reverend John Farmer officiated and the service was followed by a private burial in Edward, NC.

Sunday January 6, 2019 was Epiphany. This day commemorates the coming of the Magi (Wise men) to visit the Christ child and to bring him gifts. They were the first Gentiles to worship Jesus. Epiphany concludes the great Christological cycle of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany. As a child, we used to refer to it as "Old Christmas." For me, this signified the ending of the twelve days of Christmas and the time when we would remove our Christmas tree and decorations. I always heard the rumor that on this night the animals would bow down to Jesus as well. I could just never stay up to find out for sure.

Sunday afternoon, the weather was simply gorgeous. It was a spring like day with a high temperature of 68 and clear skies and warm sunshine. Roy and I rode around the county and saw many other motorcyclists out riding as well. It was the first

opportunity we have had to ride since Hurricane Florence.

You are invited to the 2019 Annual Marriage Retreat to be held Saturday January 19, from 10 am - 2 pm at Galilee United Church of Christ at 1448 Pamlico Road, Oriental NC. The theme for this event will be, "What God has joined together" from Mark 10:9. There will be panelist from several ministries. For more information call Minister Green at 252-474-5913.

Celebrating birthdays in January are Elizabeth Farmer Tillman (1/15), Kelli Hinson and Ruth Ireland (1/16), Ned Ferris (1/21), Kate Moye and Jenny Lupton (1/22), and Shari Roberts Hale (1/31).

Have a blessed week Blue? Take Spiritual Vitamin B. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." (Psalms 103:1)

## Whortonsville



Reba Tiller, Correspondent

For those who called to find out why I have not written anything lately, I am still alive but have been enjoying the festivities of the holidays! The Christmas lights and decorations have been put away for another year. Dave and Jay get the award for the best decorated yard and house again this year and Dave keeps adding more lights. He left white lights in one of the trees and it looks beautiful when you drive in after dark! The Bryans hosted a Pizza party on Christmas Eve, a Christmas Brunch was enjoyed at the Tiller home on Christmas morning, a New Years party at Greg and Rita's home in Silver Acres, and Pig-picking at Chris's home, former home of Mrs. Winkie. We had the brunch in memory of Nick and Jeannette who had hosted it for many years. It took six ladies to put together the breakfast that Jeannette did by herself.

The Oklahoma neighbors are back from New York, the Tillers are back home in Chapel Hill and Durham, and Eric Bryan is back in Charlotte. Hopefully we can get back to our Sunday lunches and working on puzzles.

I was at the 50+ Club during the holidays for a sing-along, later I was at the Hospice Christmas party for a sing-along that was so much fun especially when the group doing the "five golden rings" sang with such gusto! Judy Hudgins from Florence was at that table and they were having so much fun! Later I was at the Gardens of Pamlico dancing and singing with a group that were great singers. Wish I could start a little chorus with them. My dear friend Ivy is

at the Gardens and will soon be 100 Years old!

Saw Sandy Lewis at Food Lion last week for the first time since her husband Jack Weiner passed away about a year and a half ago. Sandy and Jack co-wrote many spiritual books together. Jack also wrote a book that was made into a movie. Sandy is not able to ride her bike as much these days due to health problems.

Visited Bill Blair last week after his son Mark passed away in New Bern. Mark always attended the Chorale performance especially when his father was a soloist.

Just read in the news that Bernard Hollowell passed away. He was our lawyer when we bought our house here in 1984. He and Marybelle always supported the Chorale. His daughter Becky played in the band for many of our concerts.

Woodmen Life Lodge 449 in Merritt will meet on Saturday, January 12 from 10:00 to 1:00, with a business meeting then lunch and fun games. Bring white elephant gifts that you got at Christmas or things you have laying around that you would like to get rid of.

Maura and Melydia, our next door neighbors have a new seawall made of bags of oyster shells. A new way to build a seawall!

The Pamlico Chorale began practice on Monday evening and I encourage new folks to join.

Thought for the week-- Let's begin a new year by not saying negative and hateful things about those we do not agree with. Practice a very simple word-L\_O\_V\_E!!!

## Financial Focus Review Fixed-income Strategy as Interest Rates Rise



Dan M. Roberts

When interest rates rise, the value of your fixed-income investments, such as bonds, will typically fall. If this happens, how should you respond?

First of all, it's important to understand this inverse correlation between interest rates and bond prices. Essentially, when interest rates rise, investors won't pay you full price for your bonds because they can purchase newly issued ones that pay higher rates. So, if you sell your bonds before they mature, you could lose some of the principal value.

You may be seeing a price drop among your bonds right now, because interest rates generally rose in 2018 and may continue to do so in 2019. While you might not like this decline, you don't necessarily have to take any action, particularly if you're planning to hold these bonds until maturity. Of course, you do have to consider credit risk – the chance that a portion of the principal and interest will not be paid back to investors – but unless the bond issuers default, which is usually unlikely, particularly with investment-grade bonds, you can expect to receive

the same regular interest payments you always did, no matter where rates move.

Holding some of your bonds – particularly your longer-term ones – until they mature may prove useful during a period of rising interest rates. Although long-term bond prices – the amount you could get if you were to sell these bonds – tend to fall more significantly than short-term bond prices, the actual income that longer-term bonds provide may still be higher, because longer-term bonds typically pay higher interest rates than shorter-term ones.

To preserve this income and still take advantage of rising interest rates, you may want to construct a “bond ladder” consisting of short-, intermediate- and longer-term bonds. Because a ladder contains bonds with staggered maturity dates, some are maturing and can be reinvested – and in a rising-rate environment such as we're currently experiencing, you would be replacing maturing bonds with higher-yielding ones. As is the case with all your investments, however, you must evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

You can build a bond ladder with individual bonds, but you might find it easier, and perhaps more affordable, to own bond-based mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) that invest in bonds. Many bond funds and ETFs own a portfolio of bonds of various maturities, so they're already diversified.

Building a bond ladder can help you navigate the rising-rate environment. But you also have another incentive to continue investing in bonds, bond funds or ETFs – namely, they can help diversify a stock-heavy portfolio. If you only owned stocks, your investment statements would probably fluctuate greatly – it's no secret that the stock market can go on some wild rides. But even in the face of escalating interest rates, bond prices generally don't exhibit the same sharp swings as stocks, so owning an appropriate percentage of bonds based on your personal circumstances can help add some stability to your investment mix.

As an investor, you do need to be aware of rising interest rates, but as we've seen, they certainly don't mean that you should lose your interest in bonds as a valuable part of your investment strategy.



## The Write Angle

Susan Hardison Bisette & Mac Harris

### Got change?

Some of the Jericho Ringers sweat about ringing the bells. But they get over it, and present great concerts! The Jericho Ringers are the bell choir at Bethany Christian Church. I can relate to their apprehension, because I can't read music. I would sweat a lot.

But I rang the bell for the Salvation Army, and had a lot of fun and good fellowship, besides doing something for the community that did not require talent, something I do not have to give.

People from Bethany signed up to ring for a day. Susan and I took the first shift that day. The weather was cloudy and crisp, but the people in and out of the Piggly Wiggly in Oriental displayed a warmth of spirit as they passed us.

We only rang for an hour, and it could seem a long time to be on your feet. But Susan met a bell ringer in Raleigh that volunteered to ring for 10 hours. He was dancing, too, and he told her that it had always been his dream from a boy to grow up and ring the bell.

Another bell ringer in Raleigh had been ringing for 12 years, and he was ringing that day for seven hours. Crystal, a bell ringer in New Bern, rang the bell in front of Walmart, and told Susan that she was doing it because she had no money to put in the kettle.

The day we rang, a couple from Bethany, the Harrells, who rang that day, too, told us that last year, they took their dog, Lulu, who attracted people to put money in the kettle. “It's cold out here,” Lulu thought, “sure glad they put my sweater on today. And the fried chicken in the Pig smells so good! The next time those doors open, I'm gettin' some chicken!”

Reneé Midyette signed up, but no one signed to ring with her. Susan asked her a week later if she had found anyone to ring with her. Reneé said no, but Christine Beeman said, “Why don't you ask Candy?” Candy agreed, and she and Reneé relieved us. Candy had such a good time that she said she was going

to sign up for next year!

But, if you ring the bell and no one puts money in the kettle, it's a useless activity. Fortunately, folks do drop money—and other things—into the kettle. The Salvation Army in Craven and Pamlico counties has three major fundraisers—the Empty Stocking Fund, Red Kettle bell ringing, and the Angel Tree fund. Each of the past two years, \$60,000 was raised. That money serves the people in Craven and Pamlico Counties. Over 80 percent of the money collected is used for services.

A Salvation Army captain, speaking to his staff said, “Each person you will serve today has a name. One that you don't know but one that you do. That name is Child of God.” He went on to say, “Each has a name that all share. As in Matthew 25:40, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

### ■ Legasea, from page 1

are making our products consumer ready for restaurants, grocery stores, and individual consumers who purchase steam bagged entrées. We have 15 different products now, mostly shrimp and hard crab recipes, crab cakes, and stuffed crabs. We developed them and produce them all right here in-house. They can be microwaved or cooked on stove tops. Many more entrées are in the R&D (Research & Development) stage.”

A chef on staff collaborates with a national sales director to develop Legasea products. Quality control staff members oversee biological and environmental issues. An x-ray machine and a magnet are also employed to guarantee product safety.

Chaz Fulcher directs the mass production of Legasea products after the developmental stage is completed. Chrissy Fulcher reported, “We work with NC State University as well as private labs to develop products that have great nutritional value. We work at lowering sodium and to make wholesome products. We use real butter, real cheeses, real garlic, and real vegetables in our recipes. We try very hard to purchase these products from local North Carolina farms or from farms as close by as possible.”

For uncooked shrimp sold to stores and restaurants, she said, “We have our own fleet that unloads shrimp at our docks

in Oriental. They are trucked here to this plant where they are graded, dipped in an ice slurry, and conveyed through a liquid nitrogen chamber for IQF, Immediate Quick Freezing. We then package them in bags from 1 to 25 pounds for sale to restaurants by wholesale food distributors such as Cysco or US Foods.

She described their operations as vertically integrated. “We have the vessels, docks, truck, and the processing plant. We maintain a chain of custody for our Legasea seafood products from the time it is hauled aboard the decks of our boats to when it is delivered to stores.”

“Almost all of the seafood we use in Legasea products come from North Carolina waters, but we also have a dock in Bayou Batre, Alabama on the Gulf of Mexico. Those products are trucked here.” She projected, “We have 27 employees now, but that is only going to grow. The demand for our products is increasing; we have been overwhelmed with our growth this first year. We officially opened on January 1, 2018, but the concept had been under study for months. Chastity came up with the name in July of 2017.”

In addition to Chastity, Chrissy and her husband have a son, Braxton, 13. She said both are very active in the company. “Chastity was my dad's assistant all last summer. Braxton has worked on

### A first for North Carolina was first in Pamlico County

the docks since he was 8 years old.” Summarizing, she said, “We want to produce ready to eat NC seafood entrées. So much of North Carolina's seafood has previously left the state for processing. We are keeping that here. We are bringing fresh seafood products to people who live in the mountains and other regions of the country where the only seafood they buy is from a grocery store.”

When the land for this facility was purchased many years ago, the municipal boundaries of Alliance and Bayboro were of little or no consequence. Once a building was built, and later expanded to cross over the boundary between the 2 municipalities, 2 towns in Pamlico County are now likely to claim bragging rights as the home of Legasea.

The product line has the potential to dramatically impact the economy of the County as the number of employees increases. Heralding the facility as a great place to work, Peggy Fulton, from Grantsboro, a quality control technician, commented, “I look forward to coming to work every day.”

Wendy Lester drives from Vanceboro in Northern Craven County to work for Legasea. She said, “The people I work with are just fantastic.”

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Chrissy is the chief marketing officer for Fulcher's Seafood Legasea product line.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE SHELLFISH BOTTOM/WATER COLUMN NO. 1911391/1951409 IN PUBLIC WATER OF PAMLICO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Mercer Seafood, LLC, Johnnie G. Mercer (Agent), has filed an application to lease approximately 5.91 acres, located near Bay River in Pamlico County.

The areas will be marked at each corner as a Proposed Shellfish Lease and Water Column with the above numbers.

The Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries for the State of North Carolina has notified the applicant that he will consider the proposed shellfish bottom/water column leases at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Pamlico County Courthouse, 202 Main Street, Commissioners Room, Bayboro, NC 28515.

Notes:

1. Any member of the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed shellfish lease and water column amendment applications. Comments may be made orally at the meeting or sworn written comments may be submitted to the Division of Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557 until January 30, 2019 at 5 P.M.
2. The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that these applications are substantially consistent with the requirements of G.S. 113-202 and applicable Marine Fisheries Rules. The application file and biologist report for these proposed leases are available for inspection at the DMF office in Morehead City.

This notice is pursuant to G.S. 113-202(f) this the 31st day of December 2018. By authority of the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

Stephen W. Murphy

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### Hearing slated for Pamlico Co. shellfish leases

MOREHEAD CITY - The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a public hearing on a proposed shellfish lease in Pamlico County at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Pamlico County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room, 202 Main St., Bayboro.

Mercer Seafood, LLC (Johnnie G. Mercer, agent) has applied to lease 5.91 acres of bottom and water column in the Bay River.

The public may comment on the proposed lease at the hearing or in writing. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Jan. 30 and should be submitted to the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, Shellfish Leases, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557.

The application file and biologist report for the proposed leases are available for inspection during office hours at the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries' Headquarters Office at 3441 Arendell St. in Morehead City.

More information, contact Michael Graven, with the division's Habitat and Enhancement Section, 252-808-8061.



## Raising the Cairo

Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, Sunday, 2 PM, January 13, North Carolina History Center

The Cairo was the first armored ship sunk by a remotely detonated mine in Mississippi's Yazoo River in 1862. Bearss discovered the hulk lying on the riverbed in 1960. Reservations are recommended along with a suggested \$10 donation.

### History, from page 1

of old photographs. I have done 6 different books on Portsmouth Island, 2 on the Masonic Lodge in New Bern, 1 on the Civil War's impact on Portsmouth Island plus 2 oral histories. All of my books received awards from the NC Society of Historians, the President's Award came in 2018. I have just finished my first historical novel, Drums in the Night. For that book, I am exploring the possibility of being represented by an agent. Without an agent, you have to self-publish. I have another book planned on the history of the New Bern Fire Department. I have already interviewed retired firemen."

"Research for my books is done by interviews and then I spend hours in the manuscript libraries at ECU, UNC-Chapel Hill and at the NC Archives in Raleigh. My books have at least 3 years of research behind them. I photocopy all the documents I find that might be useful. I work harder now than I worked before retirement. Nancy has seen me go 3 days without sleep. Neighbors tell me it is not unusual to see my light on when they get up during the night."

The NC Society of Historians presents one President's Award each year for remarkable achievement in documentation and preservation of North Carolina history over an extended period of time. His goal is to someday be the Historian of the Year,

White is now temporarily living in Pamlico County while his house is recovering from Hurricane Florence, but is continuing his research and review of his novel, *Drums in the Night*.

## Jakiya Jones, student, athlete, line chef A perspective on sports injury



"Having a concussion is frustrating because sitting on the sidelines is not fun! It is also very dangerous and we have to take lots of precautions before I can return to play safely. Although I feel fine, I can't just rush back into playing because the risk is so high. I have enjoyed watching my teammates work together to get the job done as were trying to find our roles on the team as individuals. Trying to get better on both ends of the floor, but overall we are off to a good start."

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- Anointed Remnant Church of Christ (2 gardens), Arapahoe, Shirley Hackney, Site Manager
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- Breath of God Church, New Bern,



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John 16:7

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
John 3:16

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."  
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# To prune, or not to prune? That is not the question. The question is ... how to prune.

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## Pruning

Making the proper cuts with the proper tools

Daniel Simpson  
County Agent

There are numerous pruning tools available to homeowners. This includes saws, shears, loppers, pole saws/pruners, etc. So how does one decide what tool to use and what kinds of pruning cuts do they make?

For most home gardeners, a quality set of hand shears can tackle most pruning task. From roses, to shrubs, to trees, hand shears are a convenient and easy to handle tool. Hand shears can tackle cuts about 1/2" or less and come in two styles: anvil and bypass. Anvil shears have one sharpened blade that cuts by pressing into a thicker anvil below it. Bypass shears work like scissors with one sharpened blade passing by another curved anvil. Small heading and thinning cuts can easily be accomplished with hand shears.

Loppers are larger tools that simulate the same actions as hand shears. They work better for larger cuts from 1/2" to 1-1/2". Loppers are excellent tools for tree or shrub species that have hard wood, like blueberries. They also provide greater reach as the handles are longer and the working blades are larger.

For larger jobs there are hand saws. These saws work well for cuts over 1-1/2" and for reaching into tight areas. However, be realistic in their use. Trying to cut a large diameter limb with a hand saw can be quite laborious. Similar to hands saws are bow saws. They are one of my favorite tools, but are limited in use do their size and shape. Trying to work a bow saw into a tight crotch angle of tree limb is difficult.

Pole pruners and pole saws are simply extensions of either a saw or one of the pruning shear type actions. The pruning tool is attached to a long pole that can extend your reach to limbs above your head. Be careful when using pole saw/pruners. Reaching above your head is difficult and debris can fall onto you and into your eyes.

For larger limbs and felling work there are chainsaws. Chainsaws can operate either with fuel or electricity, but neither power source negates the danger that they pose. Only operate a chainsaw if you are proficient in its use. For most pruning cuts a chainsaw is not required. If the cut is large enough to require a chainsaw, then you should consider professional assistance.

Hedge shears are occasionally used for those plants that do not mind a closely manicured touch. Abelia and some evergreen hedges are examples. Typically, I can accomplish hedging activities with regular hand shears. Be careful when using hedge shears. Some plants will lose their natural shape when hedged. A good example is a Loropetalum (Loropetalum chinenses). Their natural habit is open and branching, forming large shrubs with a weeping like appearance. One good hedging can disrupt this form, creating a very dense plant.

Any of these tools can be used for pruning, but proper training of plants early in their development will greatly decrease the amount of pruning required in the future. In my experience, I can usually accomplish most pruning task with hand shears and loppers. Occasionally, I made need a pruning saw for tight branch angles that my loppers cannot fit into.

When it comes to making pruning cuts, remember that the cut will affect the growth of the plant. If we understand this fact, we can use it to our advantage. Take a tree limb for example that is stretching out and obscuring the view of a window. We could use a thinning cut to remove this limb, cutting back to another smaller limb or branch that is growing in a better direction. In this case, we have removed the offending branch and redirected growth to

another branch that benefits our desired shape. Smaller branches can easily be handled with this type of thinning cut, but remember not to leave a stub and being careful to leave the branch collar intact. The branch collar is often described as a swelling of bark just beneath a limb where it attaches to another branch or trunk. A swelling of bark on the top of the branch in a similar position is called the bark ridge. If we prune just outside of this area, the tree's natural protective tissues located in this region will help to seal off our pruning cut.

Large, heavy branches that need to be pruned can injure the bark collar/ridge region. If we make one single cut from the upper side of the branch, the heavy weight of the limb may cause the branch to break, ripping bark from beneath as it falls. The three-step cut is recommended for those branches 2" or greater in diameter. The first cut is made 4-6" outside of the branch collar and is an undercut of the branch. The second cut if made slightly further beyond this point to remove the weight of branch. The previous undercut helps to limit bark ripping further into the branch collar. Your third and final cut is made as a 45-degree cut (or as near as possible) just outside of the bark collar and ridge to remove the remaining stub. With these larger cuts, do not worry about applying a pruning sealer. As long as you have done your best to leave the bark collar and ridge intact, the plant should heal. The size of the cut, the health of the tree, and placement of your cut will ultimately determine how fast the plant closes the wound.

We can use the same technique as thinning cut to reduce the size of plant. This is often referred to as a heading back cut. By selectively removing those taller branches and cutting back to lower growing limb, we can redirect growth and reduce plant height quickly. This helps to maintain a more natural growth appearance. Some home gardeners may have seen trees like Crape myrtle that are "topped". Their branches are simply removed with a flush cut, without regard to placement. This is a type of heading cut that will result in sprouting of buds and branches beneath this cut that often form weak crotch angles and compete with one another. Crape myrtles do not need this "topping" to flower. This is one of the quickest ways to destroy the natural growth habit of these plants. This "topping" usually results in greater need for pruning in the future.

This type of heading cut or "topping," can be used when shearing hedges. Shearing can create dense bushes with desirable shapes that can be maintained through routine shearing. Hollies and Boxwoods are often treated in the manner. However, you will notice over time that leaves will only be present on the outside of the plant canopy. These inner branches become shaded, losing their leaves. If a large portion of the hedge is removed, you will end up with a bare area that will take time to recover. Eventually dormant buds within the shrubs will grow, refilling the area.

In my next column we will discuss some pruning techniques for various plant species. Some plants respond well to pruning cuts, while others prefer a lighter touch. If you would like to learn more about specific pruning requirements for plants, then review this N.C. State Extension publication: Pruning Trees and Shrubs – How to Prune Specific Plants <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/how-to-prune-specific-plants>.

For more information about these subjects please give me a call at 252-745-4121 or email me at Daniel\_simpson@ncsu.edu. You can also follow me on Facebook or Twitter @NCPamlicoExt.

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# SPORTS

Cooper Metts, Pamlico News Sports correspondent

## Misa Lifts Canes Over Vikings in Tight Contest Canes Undefeated in Conference Play

The Hurricanes, led by senior center Stefan Misa, maintained their perfect Coastal Plains Conference record by defeating conference rival Tarboro High School in a wire-to-wire match-up by a score of 70-65.

“We saw something tonight that we have not seen [this season],” said Head Coach Earl Sadler Jr. “We’ve been taking some punches for the whole season. Tonight they decided to stand up and give it back to them [Tarboro].”

The Canes’ and Viking’s offenses were polar opposites in the first quarter as Tarboro’s starting guards, Caleb Whitley and Ke’Nazious Black, were on fire from behind the arch. In contrast, Canes starters Lamont Murray, George Jones, and Jahmere Miller were iced cold shooting a combined 0 for 6 from behind the three-point line. Misa kept the Canes competitive in the first quarter by scoring five of the Canes first-quarter points.

At the end of the first quarter, Tarboro fans were on their feet cheering empathically as the Vikings led 23-14. “It’s a long game,” said Sadler to his team at the first quarter break.

The script flipped in the second quarter as the Vikings missed open shots and committed careless turnovers while the Canes offense, led by a balanced attack of Murray and Jones scoring from inside the paint, trimmed the Vikings lead down to 2 points at halftime.

Out of the halftime break, both offenses came out firing on all cylinders. The Canes offense received a boost from key bench players Lamonti Lewis, who shot a perfect 3-3 in the third quarter, Michael Pool, who shot 4-5 from the field, and Tyrese Branch who hit a pivotal transition three-point shot

to give the Canes their first lead of the game going into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, missed free throws spoiled Tarboro’s chances of pulling off the upset as the Vikings shot 2-8 from the free throw line.

After Whitley made a driving layup to cut the Canes lead down to three, Jones rushed down the court through the Vikings full court press, pulled up, and hit a mid-range jumper to seal the Hurricane victory and relieve anxious, loyal Hurricane fans of an early season upset.

At the end of the game, Misa led all scorers with 16 points. Murray and Jones scored 15 points each.

Next week, the Canes travel to Robersonville to face off against South Creek on Tuesday, January 8, and host Havelock tonight.

“We’re really worried about South Creek,” said Sadler.

The Cougars will be hungry for a win against the Canes as South Creek is currently winless on the season.

Havelock visits Bayboro with a 3-2 record with signature wins over 4A foes New Bern, West Craven, and Ashley.

The Rams are led by shooting guard, Anthony Harris, who is currently averaging 33.0 points per game, 11.5 rebounds per game, and five steals per game.

The Canes backcourt players Murray, Miller, Pool, and Lewis should have their hands full against this elite scorer.

Tip-off for the Canes’ game against Havelock is scheduled for 7:30 in Bayboro.

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Michael Pool and Lamonti Lewis organize defense in close win over Tarboro

## Lady Canes Rout Vikings Undefeated in Conference

A balanced offensive attack, coupled with strong team defense guided the Lady Canes to a dominant 78-32 win over conference opponent Tarboro on January 4th.

“We looked like a fine-tuned machine,” said Head Coach April Rose. “I had three people in double figures. We all played well on defense, good team defense.”

Point guard Jainaya Jones and center Mirachell Maher led the Canes.

“Everyone looked pretty good on offense,” said Rose. “I thought we planned and executed better than we have so far.”

In the first quarter, the Lady Canes jumped out to an early 20-5 lead behind solid team defense and excellent offensive efficiency. “I thought we started the game off better than we started any game this year,” said Rose.

After the first quarter, the offensive attack did not look back on the way to a 78-32 win. They stretched their lead in the last half, scoring 19 points in the third and 20 in the fourth compared to only a 7-point Tarboro performances in the final 2 quarters.

Maher led all scorers with 18 points and 12 rebounds, Jones scored 17 points, recorded a

game-high 6 steals, and dished out 4 assists. Additionally, Margaret Audilet was third in scoring on the team with 13 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists.

This week, the Lady Canes will travel to Robersonville to square off against conference opponent, South Creek High School, and play host to local rival, the Havelock Rams.

“I’ve never beaten Havelock,” said Rose. “We are by no means taking South Creek for granted [...] [but] we are going to try to give Havelock a run for their money.”

Havelock comes into the matchup with a solid 5-1 record with signature victories over New Bern, West Craven, and Ashley. The Lady Canes backcourt will have their work cut out for them Wednesday night, January 9th, against a prolific Havelock backcourt duo of Aniyah Bryant and NyAsia Blango.

Bryant is averaging 18.8 points per game while Blango is averaging 13.3 points per game.

Tip-off for the Lady Cane’s game against Havelock is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Bayboro.



Senior point guard, Jainaya Jones (#3), runs offense in 78-32 victory over Tarboro

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 Dec. 21, Lots 3 & 4, from Elsie B. Keller, Elise B. Keller, and Franklin M. Keller Jr. AIF to Lindsey's Creek LLC, \$170  
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